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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIJEDIC VISIT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIJEDIC VISIT MADE  
AT WHITE HOUSE NOON NEWS BRIEFING MARCH 6. QUESTIONS  
AND ANSWERS ARE INCLUDED. BEGIN TEXT.

WE ARE ANNOUNCING THAT HIS EXCELLENCY DZEMAL BIJEDIC, THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, WHOSE TITLE IS  
PRIME MINISTER, WILL VISIT THE UNITED STATES FROM MARCH 19  
TO MARCH 22 AT THE INVITATION OF THE USG. PARA.  
PRESIDENT FORD WILL HAVE A LUNCHEON FOR THE PRIME MINISTER  
ON THE 19TH, AND HE ALSO WILL MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER  
AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT.

HE WILL BE COMING HERE TO REVIEW BILATERAL RELATIONS  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND YUGOSLAVIA, ESPECIALLY IN  
THE ECONOMIC AREA, AND ALSO TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL  
ISSUES IN WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE INTERESTED.

Q. RON, DO YOU EXPECT SECRETARY KISSINGER BACK BY THEN?

MR. NESSEN: THAT IS MARCH 19. I DON'T THINK THERE IS  
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ANY PARTICULAR TIME SET FOR THE LENGTH OF HIS STAY IN

THE MIDDLE EAST.

Q. YOU SAID THIS MAN WAS GOING TO MEET WITH HIM.

MR. NESSEN: IF HE IS NOT BACK, THEN HE WOULD MEET WITH  
ONE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DEPUTIES.

Q. HAVE YOU SET A DATE YET?

MR. NESSEN: YOU MEAN FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO  
YUGOSLAVIA?

Q. THE ONE YOU ANNOUNCED WITHOUT A TIME.

A MR. NESSEN: THERE HAS BEEN NO DATE SET, ACTUALLY.

END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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